

The Baptism of Jesus Mark 1: 9-11

There have been a lot of questions and things that I really didn't understand about the Bible. In

Gen 6:2, that whole thing about the Sons of God and daughter of men & Moses face shining?

Jesus heals blind man and he sees Men as Trees walking? But one of the questions that I have always wondered was, Why was Jesus baptized by John. John was a baptism of repentance. If Jesus had no sin, why must needs he be baptized. Matthew 3:14-13

But if we look closely ^{always so Jesus} ^{we can as} ^{truth} think

I. Identification with Sinners

Christ not only identified with us at the cross, but also here at the Jordan river.

A. A Confessing thought - Not what G Campbell Morgan said here we find the Son of God, identifying himself with the sinful multitude at the river. He came to make himself one with these confessing sin.

He is also symbolizing the ultimate identification on the cross to come Luk 12:50
Yet here He entered into the Stone

B. A Commanding Thought - How do we behave toward those who are sinners around us. This action was a very humiliating act for seen of God. Also we refusing to be identified with sinners. Are we willing to pay the price of rejection, humiliation, and even inconvenience for the sake of Christ. Ex 3:15 - Sabbath

II. Consecration as Saviour

This was some what of a commence ment for Jesus. He must have been waiting for Sign - Carpenter door

A. A Moment of Dedication - Here we find Christ setting out upon the work God had called him to do. No doubt in His mind where this journey would end, yet he willingly is dedicated to be obedient to will of Father

Ps 40:7-8 This could give us insight into Hch 5:8. Are you surrendered dedicated to the will of God no matter what? Lib Ester d'd died die

B. A Moment of Discernment - This was a moment of life discernment. Stepping out from that crowd Christ made a life discernment that would alter forever his hub

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Ezekiel 3:15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

Psalms 40:7-8 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Hebrews 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

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Psalms 103:3-6 Then said I, I will come in the vision of the Lord: it is written of me, I desire to do thy will, O God. And now, the Lord is with my heart.

1 Samuel 2:30for them that honour me I will honour....

Matthew 16:21-22 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

But would place him in compliance with God's will. Do you know God's will? Have you decided to surrender to it? Note word some.
- Straightaway Immediately began to

III. Recognition by Sovereign

This was also a recognition by God. The Heavens opened and God spoke... What does this mean...

A. Recognition of Approval - God is giving his approval to his obedient son. God is crowning him at that point. Think of what this meant to Jesus. Not in vs 11. Then Mark

- related this as a personal experience. God is personally approving Jesus, "beloved" a sense of that word, my dear one only! He is saying I love you ^{in spite of his} identification w/ sinners. ^{1 Sam 1:30} God Redeems Christ

B. Recognition of Appointment - After this scene, where John Baptist hears also this voice, he stands and says "Behold the Lamb of God." In this recognition there is an appointment, the

one to die and bear sin. A role which Christ willingly accepts. Disciples reject it for him + "Self". But Rom 6:3 There is no other path for the Christian... But I do 11 to 15th

IV Preparation by Spirit - This passage is a wonderful apologetic for the Trinity all three are witnesses here. Creator - Let us make man Bap^t Let us ^{Save} man

A. As the Equipper - Up until this point we knew of no miracle, or supernatural work of Saviour, he looked like everyone else, not taller or halo, Jesus common man, yet there was never a time when Jesus was ~~not~~ filled w/ Spirit. But here find imputation of Holy Ghost. This was the extraordinary that would enable Christ to perform the task set forth by father. Not long after Luke 4:18. Heb 9:14 How much ^{Dove} more

B. As the Emblem - Symbolically there is a message in the similitude of the Dove. The dove is the meekest and mild of all birds. Like the H/S, easily frightened away & quelled. Also portrays the Saviour who was meek & lowly at heart. It also points to sacrifice. The poorest of Hebrew sinners could purchase the dove as a sacrifice for sin. Oh the poorest wreck of sinners ^{by Christ} can

V Closing - Is 64:1 The heavens that were closed and bound by the sin of man, by Christ Jesus are opened by his identification with us sinners.

Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Isaiah 64:1 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,